

**"FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION"**Freedom of Speech and the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment | Antietam Battlefield

Watch the video "**Freedom of Expression**," found on the *Living News* website at [constitutioncenter.org/livingnews/educator-resources](https://constitutioncenter.org/livingnews/educator-resources). Then, fill out the worksheet below and answer the discussion questions.

TEXT OF THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> AMENDMENT (WHAT IT SAYS)	MY INTERPRETATION (WHAT IT MEANS)
Congress shall make no law	
respecting	
an establishment of religion	
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;	
or abridging	
the freedom of speech,	
or of the press;	
or of the right of the people to peaceably to assemble,	
and to petition the Government	
for a redress of grievances.	

1. What are the protections of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment?
2. What happened in Maryland at the Antietam battlefield?
3. Does the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment protect all forms of speech?  
Can anybody say anything they want, wherever they want, to whomever they want?
4. Can the government restrict ideas or speech considered hurtful, even before they are expressed?
5. According to the National Park Ranger, why should the KKK be allowed to hold a rally at the Antietam Battlefield?
6. What does the National Park Ranger mean by the phrase "marketplace of ideas"?  
Why is it important to have a "market place of ideas"?

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